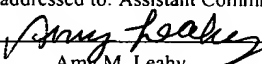


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In the application of:

Miltenyi et al.

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For: DIRECT SELECTION OF CELLS BY
SECRETION PRODUCT



Examiner: Ron Schwadron Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1644

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 20, 1999 for which a response was due on October 20, 1999 and for which a three month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from October 20, 1999 to January 20, 2000. The requisite fee therefor under 37 CFR § 1.17(c) is also enclosed.

Please add the following amendments to the claims.

14. (twice amended) A method to label cells with a product secreted and released by the cells, which method comprises: